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S. Korea won't ask Japan to reprocess its spent nuclear fuel: Yonhap

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South Korea has no intention at all of asking Japan to reprocess its spent nuclear fuel, a senior South Korean foreign ministry official said Monday, denying a Japanese media report that Japan has proposed handling South Korea's atomic waste, according to Yonhap News Agency.

Responding to a Tokyo Shimbun report a day earlier that Japan has proposed reprocessing spent nuclear fuel rods from South Korea at its atomic recycling plant, the unidentified official was quoted as saying, "The government has not even considered such a plan."

Japan plans to bring its long-delayed Rokkasho reprocessing plant on line this year.

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